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CHARGING A SET ACTIVATION)
FEE FOR PAY TELEPHONE USAGE)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The undersigned thanks the Patent Examiner for his review of the Amendment and Response filed October 9th, 2003. The subsequent Office Action mailed November 19th, 2003 continues to erroneously reject all of the claims. Claims 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by *Nolting et al.*, United States Patent No. 6,351,453. Claims 1-11 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C Section 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over *Nolting et al.* in view of *Lesley*, United States Patent No. 6,88,752. Claims 12-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C Section 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over *Nolting et al.* in view of *Lesley* and *Casner*, United States Patent No. 4,517,411. Claims 18-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C Section 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over *Golden*, United States Patent No. 4,897,870 in view of *Nolting et al.* The rejections of the claims are respectfully traversed. The claims have been amended, as indicated, but only to more specifically point out the respective inventions.